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*Agenda item - Council
Meeting 15 May 1958.*

7 May 1958

BRIEF FOR: CIA Career Council

SUBJECT: Status of CIA Civilian Specialist Reserve Program

1. The Director of Central Intelligence approved the establishment of the CIA Civilian Specialist Reserve on 26 January 1958. This program is initially limited to a pilot activity of 50 reservists confined largely to the Office of Communications. Contingent upon the success of the pilot operation, the program may be expanded to a maximum of 250 active reservists.

2. On 12 February 1958 the Director of Personnel requested the Deputy Directors to identify components under their jurisdiction interested in establishing units of the CIA Civilian Specialist Reserve. Requests for spaces were received from the Director of Communications (35), the Director of Security (5), the Director of Training (10), and the Chief, [REDACTED] (5), totaling 55. Approval was granted for the establishment of a unit of the CIA Civilian Specialist Reserve to each of the requesting offices. The 50 spaces have been allocated among the four units as follows:

Communications - 35, Training - 5, Security - 5, [REDACTED] - 5

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The above allocations are valid until 31 July 1958. If they are not firmly obligated by that date (obligation as used here means firm acceptance from the individual of proffered membership in the CIA Civilian Specialist Reserve) those unobligated may have to be recalled and made available to components who have demonstrated a need for additional slots.

3. The four participating offices have submitted name requests for individuals to occupy their spaces and the recruitment of these individuals will begin in the very near future. The individuals named are for the most part former employees.

4. The Civil Service Commission is making a study for the Office of Defense Mobilization of the need for a Government-wide reserve program composed of personnel below the level of the National Defense Executive Reserve. The representative of the CSC advised us that other civilian Government organizations require additional legal authority before they can proceed with a reserve program.

5. Appointment instruments are attached.

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